

KIDNAPERS SEIZE GIRL, 19, IN STREET, FLEE WITH HER TO CANARSIE SWAMPS

Mary Babuso's Sister Is Beaten Fighting Captors

A bitter battle and the screaming of a pretty 19-year-old girl failed to save her today from three abductors.

While her sister called vainly for aid the girl was brutally hurled into the back seat of a taxicab and driven into the waste and swamplands of Canarsie at terrific speed.

When she saw Botiti she cried:—"That's the man. That's him. Make him tell where my sister is!" She claimed that Botiti had threatened her with a knife he carried.

"He said he would kill my sister if she didn't shut up," she added.

Questioning of Botiti failed to shake his story that his car had been stolen.

Forty Sleuths on Case

Forty detectives were assigned to the case.

The girl is Mary Babuso, 19, of 1013 East 83d St., Canarsie. She was walking from her home with her sister, Lillian, 18, and had reached Flatlands Avenue and East 88th Street, two blocks from the Flatlands Avenue station of the B.-M. T.

The girls were arm in arm.

They passed a taxicab.

Stealthily, from behind, came three men. Two sprang at, and overpowered Mary.

Dragged Into Lot

The third seized Lillian brutally and dragged her into a vacant lot. He knocked her down.

Both girls fought fiercely. Mary to free herself, Lillian to go to her sister's aid. They screamed, kicked and struck their captors.

Lillian struggled to her feet in time to see Mary pushed headlong into the cab. She noted the license number. A moment later the car was racing eastward in Flatlands Avenue toward the desolate swamps and waste lands.

Lillian's screams brought straggling passers-by and a mounted policeman who flashed the license number to the Canarsie precinct.

Arrest Cab Owner

Headquarters was notified, and Capt. John J. McClosky took charge of the case.

Every possible exit from Canarsie was watched.

Detective George Royce of the Canarsie station questioned Lillian while Detectives Jeremiah Murphy and Joseph Bannano of the Poplar Street station learned the name of

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She Couldn't Resist a Sailor



THIS CAVE MAN STUFF is all the bunk—you may take it from Gladys Rughstrum, who was kidnaped by her jealous wooer, Abby Petinelli; but all to no avail. He released her after sixteen hours and today is repining in West Side court jail, while Gladys—well, the above shows what she is doing. The man? Seaman John Holbrook, U. S. N. They lost no time in hastening to the marriage license bureau.

Cave-Lover Sighs in Jail As Rival Gets the Girl

The idea Young Lochinvar had was sure-fire stuff several centuries ago, but if you ask Abby Petinelli, 21, of 2517 Amsterdam Ave., languishing in the prison of West Side Court, he'll tell you that in 1926 it is not so hot.

Young Lochinvar the 2d is held in \$10,000 bail, charged with felonious assault, for further hearing next Tuesday before Magistrate Simpson. Mrs. Victoria Kaisala of 763 Columbus Ave., mother of Gladys Rughstrum, 19, the girl in the case, is complainant.

Lucky Ones Wed

The lucky fellow, John Holbrook, U. S. N., attached to the destroyer Brooks, on thirty days' leave, hurried with Gladys to the Municipal Building for a marriage license while Abby thought it over.

Abby did fast wooing for several months after he met Gladys, who is an instructress in a Harlem dance hall. Then he experienced the demoralizing spectacle of seeing his girl stolen by Holbrook.

That burned him up. Holbrook had just come back from a world

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges \$1,173,000,000
Balances 157,000,000
Credit balance 143,000,000

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Hobo-Savant, Locked Up As Thief, Won't Help Cruel World Any More

The question of the ages—evolution—was about to be decided once and for all today when—
Oh, the pity of it all!

Hell, they say, is paved with good intentions and Allah knows that Frank Cummings, 51, whose address is 263 Bowery, left there today with good intentions.

His heart sang. He was about to give to the world a message it had sought for millions of years.

Frank wandered into a bookstall in the Pennsylvania Station and nonchalantly asked for a copy of Charles Robert Darwin's book.

"The title, my dear young lady," he said, "is 'The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection.'"

His Natural Selection

It was handed to him. Attention diverted by another customer. Then—the book—and Cummings—gone.

The girl chased the man up and down the big terminal and right into the arms of Detective John Stapleton.

"Why, your honor," said Cummings a few moments later when arraigned before Magistrate Rosenbluth in Jefferson Market Court, "I had no intention of filching the volume. See, I have 10 cents. I had intended reading the book and making copious extracts from it while riding on the subway. Then I intended to return it when I went back to my Bowery lodgings and finished my thesis on evolution."

"Savant of the Bowery"

"You see, I am known as the 'Savant of the Bowery.' I am a

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THE WEATHER

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST				
LOCAL—Cloudy; probably showers tonight and Friday; cooler Friday; increasing northeast winds, becoming strong.				
EASTERN NEW YORK—Cloudy, with showers tonight and probably in east and south portion Friday; cooler Friday, and in north portion tonight; increasing northeast and north winds, becoming strong.				
Hour.	Temp.	Weather.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight..	62	Clear	30.25	E. 12
2 a. m..	61	Clear	30.22	NE. 10
4 a. m..	63	Pt. cloudy	30.17	NE. 12
6 a. m..	63	Cloudy	30.13	NE. 10
8 a. m..	64	Cloudy	30.13	NE. 8
10 a. m..	67	Cloudy	30.16	NE. 6

MISSING GIRL LOCATED BY RADIO DESCRIPTION

WHITE PLAINS, Sept. 16.—Agnes Keogh of Bridgeport, Conn., was held today pending arrival of authorities to identify her as a girl missing from her home. She was found in a lodging house by Police Chief Joy, who recognized her from a description broadcast by radio.

'Bread and Water' Judge Defends Harsh Sentences

[The United Press herewith presents a statement by County Judge Wilbur F. Bryant of Hartington, Neb., which explains why Judge Bryant uses the "bread and water" form of punishment.]

By COUNTY JUDGE WILBUR F. BRYANT
Written for the United Press

HARTINGTON, NEB., Sept. 16.—During my 14 years as a county judge, I have administered sentences with a bread and water diet in at least 100 cases.

That method of intensifying imprisonment is as old as civilization itself. Saying that it belongs to the dark ages is simply ridiculous. Ninety-nine out of every 100 charged with crime are guilty, and they are generally worthless characters, sent to jail to loaf and play cards and be well fed at public expense. This form of punishment is a vacation to them, and the jails become veritable vacation resorts. I believe a man should be punished so severely that he will remember it and avoid repeating the offense. Fining a bootlegger is looked on by him as a species of license and a very inefficient punishment. I have found that a man I have sentenced to bread and water never came back for a second dose.

Door Opens to New Trial In Sacco Murder Appeal

DEDHAM, MASS., Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—The state today conceded that the defense need not even "prove their innocence beyond a reasonable doubt" to obtain a new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted murderers.

Under the proposition conceded by state attorneys, the defendants must merely prove "by a fair preponderance of evidence that newly discovered evidence exists, of so grave, material and relevant a character as to afford a possibility that it would be a real factor with the jury in reaching a decision."

Sacco and Vanzetti, convicted of a payroll robbery and murder in East Braintree in 1921, are seeking a retrial on the basis of new evi-

dence after a five-year court fight. Charges by their friends that they were "railroaded" because of their radical political views have caused world-wide interest in the case.